

February 19,

2025

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF  
THE BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES  
DECATUR COUNTY COMMUNITY SCHOOLS**

The Board of School Trustees met in regular session on Wednesday, February 19, 2025 at Central Office, 2020 N. Montgomery Rd., Greensburg, IN 47240.

President Todd Mauer called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m., Cory Ross was absent.

Under routine matters, on a motion made by Matthew Hoeing and a second by

Lizette Bell, minutes of the reorganizational meeting, board of finance meeting, regular board meeting held January 8, 2025, the executive session held January 22, 2025 and the corrected minutes of the executive session held December 16, 2024 were unanimously approved. Elizabeth Hochstedler noted typos in dates, which were corrected before being signed by the board.

Payment of claims and payroll were ordered on a motion made by Lizette Bell with a second by Alison Ortman and passed unanimously.

On a motion made by Elizabeth Hochstedler and a second by Nicholas Anderson, the following conferences and field trips were unanimously approved.

**CONFERENCES**

***Central Office***

Jason Holland – ICASE Conference  
Plainfield, IN – February 12-14, 2024

Chris Lindroth – COSN Annual Conference  
Seattle, WA – March 29 – April 3, 2025

***North Decatur Jr.-Sr. High School***

Barb Lecher and Jennifer Bowles – INACAC Conference  
February 24 – 26, 2025

***South Decatur Elementary School***

Damon Waggoner – SI Tech Director's Meeting  
Louisville, KY – January 30, 2025

**FIELD TRIPS**

***North Decatur Jr.-Sr. High School***

FFA – Farm Machinery Show  
Louisville, KY – February 13, 2025

Advanced Spanish and Art – Art Institute and Architecture Tour  
Chicago, IL – April 28 – 29, 2025

On a motion made by Matthew Hoeing and a second by Lizette Bell, the following resignations and retirements were unanimously approved.

**RESIGNATIONS**

***Decatur County Community Schools***

Samantha Adams – ELL Coordinator/Facilitator  
January 20, 2025

***North Decatur Jr.-Sr. High School***

Darin Charles – Custodian  
February 10, 2025

Melissa Blaszak – Custodian  
February 28, 2025

Sandra Thurston – Guidance Secretary  
February 28, 2025

***North Decatur Elementary School***

Chris Hampton – Custodian  
February 10, 2025

***South Decatur Jr.-Sr. High School***

Teara May (Taylor) – Instructional Assistant  
December 17, 2024

Josh Terwilliger – SPED Teacher/Varsity Boys Basketball Coach  
January 29, 2025

Whitney Gearhart – SPED Instructional Assistant  
February 14, 2025

***South Decatur Elementary School***

Cindy Engelking – Instructional Assistant  
March 14, 2025

### **RETIREMENTS**

#### ***South Decatur Jr.-Sr. High School***

Kay Smith – Math Teacher  
May 23, 2025

On a motion made by Nicholas Anderson and a second by Alison Ortman, the following appointments and terminations were unanimously approved.

### **APPOINTMENTS**

#### ***North Decatur Jr.-Sr. High School***

Olivia Howard – Instructional Assistant  
February 3, 2025

#### ***South Decatur Jr.-Sr. High School***

Perry Cook – SPED Teacher  
Long-term Substitute – February – May 2025

Donovan Hale – SPED Instructional Assistant  
February 19, 2025

### **TERMINATIONS**

#### ***South Decatur Elementary School***

Erin McGlaughlin – Custodian  
February 11, 2025  
August 1, 2025

Under New Business, Amy Cockburn, Principal of South Decatur Jr.-Sr. High School, presented Bill Taylor and Kay Smith with the Extra Effort Award. Mrs. Cockburn explained that Mr. Taylor and Mrs. Smith regularly go outside of their required duties, helping with extracurricular activities and in spite of their retirement dates approaching they give their all to the students and they will be missed when they are gone. Nicole Stone, Principal of South Decatur Elementary, presented Jason Holland, Decatur County Schools Special Education Director,

with the Extra Effort Award. Mr. Holland was unable to be present at the meeting, but Mrs. Stone emphasized Mr. Holland's professionalism, honesty, and resourcefulness, noting his continuing desire to always support the students. Dr. Jarrod Burns, superintendent, asked the board to approve the construction manager as constructor for the transportation project. On a motion made by Matthew Hoeing and a second by Lizette Bell, the Poole Group was unanimously approved as construction manager as constructor for the transportation. Dr. Burns asked the board to approve the non-renewal of Stewart Durham's administrator contract ending August 1, 2025. On a motion made by Cory Ross and a second by Elizabeth Hochstedler, the non-renewal of Stewart Durham's administrator contract was unanimously approved. Dr. Burns asked the board to approve the Student Services Coordinator contract addendum. Elizabeth Hochstedler abstained due to the position going to her mother and public perception. On a motion made by Lizette Bell and a second by Matthew Hoeing, the Student Services Coordinator contract addendum was unanimously approved. On a motion made by Elizabeth Hochstedler and a second by Nicholas Anderson, student fundraisers were unanimously approved. Under communication and reports, Mrs. Stone reported about boys basketball, Cougar lunch crew, fundraisers, progress on I Learn checkpoints, high ability testing, Kindergarten registration, 2 students going to state for archery, battle of the books, and an upcoming pep rally at South Decatur Jr. -Sr. High School. Mrs. Cockburn reported on the upcoming pep rally, girls basketball going to sectionals, musicians going to state, FFA Olympics, FFA week, moved dates for an upcoming dance and cheer conference championship, progress on I Learn checkpoints, and the beginning of play practice. Under Future Business, the next regular Board Meeting will be on Wednesday, March 12, 2025 at 6:00 p.m. at Central Office; 2020 N. Montgomery Road, Greensburg, IN 47240. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:27 p.m. on a motion by Matthew Hoeing.

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Lizette Bell, Secretary  
Board of School Trustees  
Decatur County Community Schools  
APPROVED BY:

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